

Check Out Colorado State Parks

Seven years of data showcasing this program's success

Program Totals

Total Circulation: 43,468

Participating Libraries: 308

An annual savings of \$69,800 for Coloradans

State Parks Visited: 43

Patron Surveys Completed: 3,654

Program Growth

Before COVID-19 there were almost 150 checkouts per week. Backpack checkouts dropped in 2020 but bounced back quickly. 2022 set a new record for backpack checkouts in a year!

Average backpack circulation per week:

2016: 165

2017: 134

2018: 147

2019: 148

2020: 29

2021: 133

2022: 168

Participation Across Colorado

People from all regions of Colorado participate!

Every state park open to the public in Colorado was accessed.

1% of survey respondents were out of state visitors.

Areas in blue mark zip codes shared by Check Out Colorado survey respondents. The size of the circle corresponds with how often the zip code was shared, and areas where the circles overlap represent multiple zip codes shared in that area.

Map data consists of each zip code shared and how many times respondents shared this zip code.

80001 1	80131 3	80247 2
80002 5	80132 16	80249 15
80003 8	80133 5	80254 1
80004 7	80134 29	80301 10
80005 7	80138 18	80302 18
80010 4	80150 2	80303 18
80011 2	80155 1	80304 7
80012 3	80175 1	80305 28
80013 16	80177 1	80307 2
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80027 76	80211 1	80429 1
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80033 5	80215 9	80435 28
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80110 30	80222 2	80442 11
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80127 8	80238 3	80476 9
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80130 6	80246 5	80479 1

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80513 11	80816 11	81020 68
80516 19	80817 11	81024 1
80517 3	80829 15	81035 1
80520 5	80831 9	81036 3
80521 24	80832 5	81039 4
80524 16	80835 7	81040 1
80525 35	80840 2	81041 2
80526 24	80863 13	81044 1
80528 11	80864 2	81047 3
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80534 11	80903 5	81052 22
80535 2	80904 34	81054 5
80536 2	80905 9	81055 28
80537 35	80906 6	81067 5
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80539 1	80908 7	81072 1
80540 1	80909 25	81077 7
80543 1	80910 5	81082 1
80545 17	80911 16	81084 1
80547 1	80913 3	81089 103
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What Libraries Have to Offer

95% of survey respondents agreed to the statement, The Check Out Colorado State Parks program changed my view about what libraries have to offer:

"I was not previously aware that public libraries offered such opportunities. It was a great resource for us."

5% were neutral or did not agree with the statement, The Check Out Colorado State Parks program changed my view about what libraries have to offer:

"We are already regular beneficiaries of the awesome services provided by libraries and were delighted to spread the news of this resource."

Outdoor Engagement

People shared about 150 unique activities that they participated in while at the park.

Percent of participants that participated in each activity:

Trail/road activities: 69%

Wildlife-related activities: 35%

Water-based activities: 30%

Fishing: 11%

Winter activities: 2%
Other*: 35%

*Other includes a wide variety of activities such as geocaching, photography, and meditation.

Connection to Nature

83% of survey respondents learned something new about nature.

99% of survey respondents would recommend a visit to a state park.

98% reported being satisfied with their Check Out Colorado State Parks experiences.

Word cloud data:

accessibility	10	financial help	45	opportunity	18
amazing	17	first time	38	pack materials	70
awesome	23	fishing	46	paddleboarding	12
beautiful	46	friendly staff	37	pets	18
birds	68	fun	12	plants	16
camping	18	geology	4	purchased pass	10
canoeing	5	gorgeous	6	relaxing	4
discovery	5	hiking	109	senior	23
excellent	4	information sharing	17	thank you	223
exercise	6	kayaking	13	wildflowers	7
experience	17	learning	74	wildlife	125
exploring	7	library love	65	wonderful	28
family time	124	nature	13		
fantastic	5	night sky	8		

Thank you for sharing your stories.

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